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CAPTAIN Hartwell, of His Majesty's Ship Brune, who left Antigua the 12th of last Month, and landed in Baltimore in Ireland the 18th Instant, arrived this Morning with Letters from Commodore Hotham and Commissioner Laforey to Mr. Stephens, of which the following are Extracts.

Vengeance, Carenage, St. Lucia, October 23, 1780.

ON the 10th in the Morning, the Blanche, which was charged with my Letter to you of that Date, sailed with the Alcmene for Antigua; a short Time made a great Change in our Situation; for on the Night following, (viz. the 10th) there arose a Hurricane at N. E. which encreased by the Morning to a Degree of Violence that is not to be described. The Ajax, Montagu, and Egmont, which had been anchored before the Entrance of the Harbour, were, before Day-light, all forced to Sea, as was the Amazon soon after; and the Deal-Castle and Camelion, which had been stationed in Gros Islet Bay for the Protection of the Hospitals, shared the same Fate. The Vengeance, with the Ætna and Vesuvius Bombs, and the San Vincente Snow, were moored within the Carenage, and prepared with every Caution that could be taken to withstand the Tempest, which had already put several of the Transports on Shore, and by this Time blew with an irresistable Fury, attended with an incessant Flood of Rain. A little after Twelve o'Clock, the Vengeance parted her Cable, and tailed upon the Rocks. It now became absolutely requisite to cut away her Masts, the Loss of which, with the Help of a Number of Guns that were got forward, eased considerably the Force with which she struck; and by the Wind fortunately shifting two or three Points farther to the Eastward, her Stern swung off the Rocks, and she was, beyond every Expectation, saved; for it now blew, if possible, with redoubled Violence, and nothing was to be seen or expected but Ruin, Desolation, and Destruction in every Part. The San Vincente Snow, with many of the Transports, Victuallers, and Traders, were dismasted and mostly all on Shore; in short, no Representation can equal the Scene of Distress that appeared before us.

The Storm continued with incredible Vehemence during the whole Day; but the Weather about Midnight became more moderate, and by the next Morning the Wind was totally abated. The Direction of it was from N. N. E. to E. S. E. of Twenty-nine Hours Duration.

On the 13th the Montagu anchored before the Harbour, without a Mast or Bowsprit standing, Eight Feet Water in her Hold, and all her Powder damaged: Every Assistance was given to get her into the Carenage, where she is now secured in Safety. The Ajax returned to this Anchorage on the 21st, with the Loss of her Main Yard, Main Top Mast and Mizen-Mast. The Beaver's Prize, being on her Passage to Barbadoes, was unfortunately wrecked on the Back of this Island near Vieux Fort; and it gives me Pain to add, that all her Officers and Crew, except 17 Men, perished.

The Preservation of the Amazon is so singular and extraordinary, that I herewith transmit a Copy of the Account given of it by Captain Finch.

I am, &c.

W. HOTHAM.

Amazon, English Harbour, Oct. 17, 1780.

SIR,

I AM at a Loss whether to express in the strongest Terms my Regret for the Misfortunes that have happened to His Majesty's Ship under my Command, or my Satisfaction in having got her in Safety to this Port.

I flatter myself you saw the Necessity we were under of putting to Sea the Morning after the Commencement of the Gale. We then stood under our Storm Stayfails W. by N. from the Carenage; it was but for a short Time the Canvas held; after that the Ship behaved perfectly well, and appeared to every Person on Board as capable of standing the Gale that ensued, as was possible for any Ship. About Seven o'Clock at Night the Gale encreased to a Dregree that can better be conceived from the Consequences, than any Description I can give. There was an evident Necessity of doing something to relieve the Ship, but I was unwilling to cut away the lower Masts till the last Extremity, and accordingly ordered the People up to cut away the Main Top-Mast; my Orders were attempted to be put in Execution with the utmost Alacrity, but before it could be accomplished, I found it necessary to call them down to cut away the Main-Mast. Whilst I was waiting for the Men to come down, a sudden Gust overset the Ship; most of the Officers, with myself and a Number of the Ship's Company, got upon the Side of the Ship; the Wheel on the Quarter-Deck was then under Water. In that Situation I could perceive the Ship settle bodily some Feet, until the Water was up to the After-Part of the Slides of the Carronades on the Weather-Side. Notwithstanding the Ship was so far gone, upon the Masts, Bowsprit, &c. going away, she righted as far as to bring the Lee Gunwale even with the Water's Edge. By the Exertions of all the Officers and Men we soon got the Lee Quarter Deck Guns and Carronades overboard, and soon after one of the Forecastle Guns, and Sheet Anchor cut away, which had so good an Effect, that we were enabled to get to the Pumps and Lee-Guns on the Main-Deck; the Throwing them overboard was in our Situation a Work of great Difficulty, and I could perceive the Ship was going down by the Stern: This arduous Task was accomplished under the Direction of Lieutenant Pakenham, whose great Experience and determined Perseverance marked him out as perhaps the only Individual to whom (amidst such great Exertions) a Pre-eminence could be given; and I do not think it possible for greater Exertions to be made. The Water was above the Cables on the Orlop-Deck, with a vast Quantity between Decks; and the Stump of the Main-Mast falling out of the Step occasioned one of the Chain-Pumps to be rendered useless, as was the other soon after; by the great Activity of the two Carpenters Mates they were alternately cleared; upon my representing this to Commissioner Laforey, he has appointed them both to act as Carpenters, (one in the Amazon, the other in the Antigua) till your Pleasure is known. Besides the Loss of our Masts, &c. the Ship has suffered considerable Damages, the Particulars of which I cannot send until a Survey has been held upon the Ship. The Books and Papers are totally destroyed, so that it is not in my Power particularly to ascertain the Loss we have suffered in Men; I believe Twenty drowned, besides a Number wounded. For further Particulars I refer you to the Gentleman who will deliver this Letter to you.

The Carpenter was the only Officer lost upon this Occasion.

I have the Honor to be, &c. &c.

WM. CLEMENT FINCH.

To Commodore Hotham.

[Price Three-Pence Halfpenny.]

Ajax Carenage, St. Lucia, November 5, 1780.

SIR,

IT is with the deepeſt Concern that to my Account of the 23d of October, I am now obliged to add a ſtill more melancholy one, of the Effects of the late dreadful Hurricane, the Force of which, it appears, was not to be withſtood.

Upon the 25th the Governor of Martinique ſent me over, in a Flag of Truce, Thirty one Men of the Crews of the Andromeda and Laurel; the former overſet and foundered about Six Leagues to Windward of that Iſland; and, by the Account which the Pilot of her gives, who was one of the People ſaved, there is little Expectation that the Endymion can have eſcaped, as, he ſays, from her Situation when they laſt ſaw her, and the Direction of the Wind at that Time, it was impoſſible for her to to have cleared the Iſland upon either Tack: The Laurel was driven on Shore, and very ſoon went to Pieces. The Marquis de Bouillé could not conſider Men, who had only the Force of the Elements to cope with, in the Light of Enemies; but that having, in common with themſelves, partaken of the Danger, were in like Manner entitled to every Comfort and Relief that could be given in a Time of ſuch univerſal Calamity and Diſtreſs. He laments only that their Numbers were ſo few, and that among them no Officer was ſaved. In his Way of acting he has ſhewn himſelf equally humane and generous; and I ſhould be wanting in thoſe Sentiments myſelf, if I omitted to point out to their Lordſhips his Conduct upon this unhappy Occaſion.

A French Convoy, of about Sixty Sail, under Two Frigates, intended for Martinique, have been totally diſperſed, many of them loſt, and ſome taken. One of the Frigates, named the Inconſtant, got into Fort Royal diſmaſted, but the other I have not heard of. The Experiment was driven on Shore at Guadaloupe, the Juno was caſt away at St. Vincent, and a Brig, with 160 Men on board, Troops and others, foundered at the ſame Place, and all periſhed. The Hurricane, by every Account, has been more fatal to the French Iſlands than to ours: It was felt at Tobago, but not in ſuch a Degree as to do any Miſchief.

By the Vigilant, that anchored here To-day, I am informed by Commiſſioner Laforey, that the Venus is arrived at Engliſh Harbour with the Loſs of her Fore-Maſt and Bowſprit; and the Trade at St. Kitt's put to Sea on the Approach of the Gale, but the greateſt Part are ſince returned.

I am, &c.

W. HOTHAM.

Carcaſs, at Antigua, November 10, 1780.

AS Commodore Hotham's Letters will contain every material Communication to the Time of their Date, I have only left to add, that I am am ſorry to inform you none of the Ships miſſing ſince the late Hurricane have arrived, or been heard of here, to this Time.

I am, &c.

JOHN LAFOREY.

Liſt of Ships miſſing.

Egmont, 74 Guns, Captain Houlton.
Endymion, 44 Guns, Captain Carteret.
Deal Caſtle, 24 Guns, Captain Hawkins.
Cameleon, 24 Guns, Captain Johnſtone.

The Egmont was ſeen on the 11th of October in the Morning under her Courſes.

Trinity Houſe, Kingſton upon Hull, December 18, 1780.

Reſolved,

THAT a Bounty be given by this Corporation of Three Guineas to every Able Seaman, Two Guineas to every Ordinary Seamen, and One Guinea to every Landman, (not being impreſſed or an Apprentice) who ſhall, between the Date hereof and the 2d Day of February, 1781, Voluntarily enter to ſerve on Board any of His Majeſty's Ships with the Regulating Captain at this Town, to be paid upon being examined and approved of by this Houſe, over and above all other Bounties.

By Order of the Worſhipful Wardens, &c.

James Green, *Secretary.*

Mercers Hall, London, Dec. 22, 1780.

THE Wardens and Commonalty of the Myſtery of Mercers of the City of London do hereby give Notice, that the Committee of the ſaid Wardens and Commonalty have this Day, in the Preſence of ſeveral of their Bond Creditors, cauſed to be drawn out of the Lottery Wheel the Lots of the Bonds to be paid off, amounting to the Principal Sum of £4080, viz.

Numb. 1, 35, 93, 159, 166, 172, 188, 257, 315, 344, 363, 387, 409, 466, 495, 529, 577, 587, 719, 739, 797, 884, 994, 1014, 1033, 1075, 1099, 1203, 1214, 1245, 1249, 1272, 1284, 1307, 1311, 1329, 1343, 1350, 1387, *and* 1408, *for £100 each; and Numb.* 1476 *and* 1509, *for £40 each.*

And the ſaid Wardens and Commonalty do hereby give this further Notice, that the ſaid ſeveral Bonds, of the Numbers and Principal Sums above-mentioned, will be paid off, at the Clerk's Office at Mercers Hall, on the 5th Day of July next, together with the Intereſt that will be then due thereon; at which Time the Intereſt on ſuch Bonds will ceaſe and determine.

Rob. Cawne, *Clerk.*

Eaſt-India Houſe, December 20, 1780.

THE Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the Eaſt-Indies do hereby give Notice,

That a General Court of the ſaid Company will be held at their Houſe in Leadenhall-ſtreet, on Wedday the 17th of January next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, to take into Conſideration the Conduct of Paul Benfield, Eſq; while he was in the Company's Service and Employment under the Government of Madras, or reſident in India.

Laudable Society for the Benefit of Widows.
Queen's Arms Tavern, Saint Paul's Church-yard,
December 13, 1780.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a General Meeting of this Society will be held at this Houſe, on Tueſday the 9th of January next, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon, on ſpecial Affairs.

By Order of the Directors,

Michael Fiſher, *Secretary.*

The Chairman will take the Chair at Five o'Clock preciſely.

Goſport, December 23, 1780.

NOtice is hereby given to the Officers and Company of His Majeſty's Ship Flora, William Peere Williams, Eſq; Commander, who were actually on Board at the taking the French Frigate La Nymphe, on the 10th of Auguſt, 1780, that they will be paid their reſpective Shares of the ſaid Capture, and Head-money, on Board the Flora at Spithead, on Saturday the 30th Inſtant, ſhould ſhe arrive; if not, immediately upon her Arrival; and the Shares not then demanded will be recalled at Mr. Atkinſon's Office, Goſport, the Firſt Monday in every Month for Three Years.

Tho. Atkinſon, *Agent.*

NOtice is hereby given to the Officers and Company of His Majeſty's Ship Dublin, Samuel Wallis, Eſq; Commander, who were actually on Board at the taking the Spaniſh Veſſel Provinciana, (in Company with His Majeſty's Ship Shrewſbury) in January, 1780, that they will be paid their reſpective Shares of the ſaid Veſſel and Cargo, on Board the ſaid Ship at Spithead, on Friday 29th of December, 1780; and the Shares not then paid will be recalled at the Houſe of Mr. Edward Mayne, No. 3, New Broad-ſtreet, the Firſt Thurſday in every Month for Three Years to come.

Edward Mayne, *for Mayne and Co. of Liſbon.*

London, December 26, 1780.

NOtice is hereby given to the Officers and Company of His Majeſty's Ship Aurora, James Cumming, Eſq; Commander, who were actually on Board on the 9th of September, 1779, at taking the Hertiginnan af Sodermanſland, that they will be paid their reſpective Shares of the Second and Final Diſtribution ariſing from the Produce of the ſaid Capture, at Plymouth, on Monday the 1ſt of January, 1781; and the Shares not then demanded will be recalled at the French Horn in Crutched Fryars, on the Firſt Thurſday in every Month for Three Years to come.

Edward Ommanney, *of London,*
Stephen John Maule, *of Greenwich,* } *Agents.*

King's Kemembrancer's-Office, Michaelmas Term, in the 21ſt Year of King George the Third, Saturday the 9th Day of December, 1780. Between Henry Johnſon, Plaintiff, and Ann Eaton, Widow, and others Defendants. By Bill.

UPON the Motion of Mr. Reade, of Counſel for the Plaintiff, and on reading the Affidavit of George Wood, it is ordered by the Court, That the ſaid Defendant, Ann Eaton, do appear to the ſaid Plaintiff's Bill on or before the Twenty-third Day of January next.

By Order of the Deputy Remembrancer,
Fowler for Plaintiff.

WILLIAM Habgood, of Grace's-alley, Wellcloſe-ſquare, begs Leave to inform his Friends in particular, and the Public in general, that he has taken a Warehouſe, No. 5, Rood lane, Fenchurch-ſtreet, where he intends carrying on his Buſineſs, in all it's Branches, in the Wholeſale Way only. He has likewiſe taken a Houſe, No. 40, in Wellcloſe ſquare, for the Accommodation of his Friends in that Part of the Town; to whom, and to his Friends in general, he begs Leave to return his grateful Acknowledgements for their paſt Favours, and to ſolicit a Continuance of their Commands, which will be thankfully received by

Their much obliged and obedient humble Servant,
William Habgood.

December 25, 1780.

NOtice is hereby given, that the Partnerſhip between William Habgood and John Leach, of Grace's-alley, Wellcloſe-ſquare, London, Haberdaſhers, will be diſſolved on the 31ſt Inſtant.

W. Habgood.
John Leach.

December 26, 1780.

JOHN Leach, of Grace's-alley, Wellcloſe-ſquare, London, Haberdaſher, Hoſier, and Ribbon-weaver, begs Leave to return his ſincere Thanks to the Public in general, and his Friends in particular, for all Favours received; and ſolicits a Continuance of them, at the Old Shop and Warehouſe, No. 7 and 8, in Grace's-alley, where he will carry on the above Trades, in all their Branches, on his own ſeparate Account, and ever ſtudy to merit their future Favours, which ſhall be executed on the moſt reaſonable Terms, and with the greateſt Diſpatch.

NOtice is hereby given, that the Partnerſhip between John Dawſon and Chriſtopher Scott, of Princes-ſtreet, Hanover-ſquare, in the County of Middleſex, Wine and Brandy Merchants, is this Day diſſolved by mutual Conſent. Dated the 11th of December, 1780.

John Dawſon.
Chriſ. Scott.

London, December 25, 1780.

THE Partnerſhip between Ralph Yates and Charles Miller, of Milk-ſtreet, is this Day diſſolved by mutual Conſent. All Demands on the ſaid Partnerſhip will be diſcharged by Ralph Yates; to whom all Debts owing to the ſaid Partnerſhip are to be paid.

Ralph Yates.
Charles Miller.

NOtice is hereby given, that the Partnerſhip between Philip Hancock and William Gore, of Wiveliſcombe in the County of Somerſet, Tanners, was this Day diſſolved by mutual Conſent; and that the Trade will be carried on in future by the ſaid Philip Hancock alone. Witneſs our Hands, the 23d Day of October, 1780.

Wm. Gore.
Philip Hancock.

Manchester, December 11, 1780.

ANY Perſon having Claims or Demands on the late Partnerſhip of Renſhaw and Hayes, of Manchester, which was by mutual Conſent diſſolved on the 14th Day of October, 1779, are deſired to apply to them immediately for Payment; and all Perſons that are indebted to them are requeſted to pay the ſame, in order that a final Settlement may be made.

Rich. Renſhaw.
James Hayes.

TO be peremptorily ſold, purſuant to a Decree and ſubſequent Orders of the High Court of Chancery, before Peter Holford, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-inn, Chancery-lane, London, on Monday the 5th Day of February next, between the Hours of Five and Six o'Clock in the Afternoon, The Freehold, Copyhold, and other Eſtates, of Richard Towne, Gent. deceaſed, and by his Will deviſed for the Payment of his Debts, ſituate in the ſeveral Townſhips and Pariſhes following, viz. In Wakefield in the County of York, in the ſeveral Poſſeſſions of James Milnes, jun. Eſq; Mrs. Towne, John Orridge, Joſeph Brummit, and John Calvert; in Horbury near Wakefield, in the ſeveral Poſſeſſions of William Stephenſon, Daniel Thornes, William Quarmsby, and John Rayner; in the Pariſh of Batley in the ſaid County, in the ſeveral Poſſeſſions of David Blakeley, Joſ. Scott, John Fell, John Johnſon, Benjamin Hall, and Joſeph Atkinſon; and ſeveral Fee Farm Rents, payable out of Eſtates in Wakefield, Horbury, Oſſett, and Normanton, in the ſaid County. For a Particular of the ſaid Premiſſes enquire at the ſaid Maſter's Chambers, of Meſſ. Farrer, Chancery-lane, London, and of Mr. Parker and Mr. Hyde, in Halifax in the ſaid County of York.

PUrſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, dated the 16th Day of June, 1779, made in a Cauſe, Hutchinſon againſt Hutchinſon, the unſatisfied Creditors (if any) of Edward Hutchinſon, late of Long acre in the County of Middleſex, Coach-maker, deceaſed, are to come in and prove their Debts before Edward Montague, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Symond's inn, Chancery-lane, London, on or before the 24th Day of January next, or in Default thereof they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Decree.

PUrſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, dated the 12th Day of December, 1780 made in a Cauſe, Curwen againſt Taylor and others, the Creditors and Legatees of William Gale, late of Whitehaven in the County of Cumberland, Merchant, deceaſed (if any remain unpaid) are forthwith to come in and prove their Debts and claim their Legacies before John Hett, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-inn, Chancery-lane, London, or in Default thereof they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Decree.

ALL Perſons having any Claim or Demand upon the Eſtate of James Burt, late of the Pariſh of St. Saviour Southwark in the County of Surry, Surgeon, deceaſed, are deſired to ſend an Account thereof to Mr. Joſiah Monnery, of the ſaid Pariſh, Leather-ſeller; and all Perſons indebted to the ſaid Eſtate are deſired forthwith to pay their Debts unto the ſaid Joſiah Monnery, who is authorized by the Adminiſtratrix to receive the ſame.

ALL Perſons who have any Claims or Demands on the Eſtate and Effects of George Reavely, late of Gray's-inn in the County of Middleſex, Gentleman, deceaſed, are deſired forthwith to ſend in an Account thereof to David Humphreys, of Gray's-inn aforeſaid, his Executor, in order that the ſame may be ſettled and paid: And all Perſons indebted to the ſaid Eſtate are deſired to pay the ſame to the ſaid David Humphreys.

THE Bond and Simple Contract Creditors of William Kingham, and Mary his Wife, late of Hampſtead in the County of Middleſex, both deceaſed, are deſired to meet at the King's Head, in Hampſtead aforeſaid, on Tueſday the 9th of January next, at Ten in the Forenoon, to receive a Dividend on their ſeveral Debts. And ſuch of the Creditors who have not already delivered in their Accounts are deſired to ſend the ſame to Meſſ. Rigge, in Curſitor-ſtreet, London, on or before the ſaid 9th Day of January, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Dividend, which will be final.

THE Truſtees of the Eſtate and Effects of John Stanier, late of Holborn in the County of Middleſex, Haberdaſher, intend to meet on Friday the 29th of December inſtant, preciſely at Seven in the Evening, at the Half Moon Tavern, Cheapſide, in order to make a Dividend of the ſaid John Stanier's Eſtate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have not already liquidated their Accounts, and ſigned the Deed of Truſt, are deſired to come prepared to do the ſame, otherwiſe they will be peremptorily excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Dividend. And all Perſons indebted to the ſaid John Stanier are deſired to pay the ſame to Mr. Smith, No. 40, Red-lion-ſtreet, Holborn, or they will be ſued without further Notice.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded and iſſued againſt John Lake, of Thorington in the County of Eſſex, Grocer and Linen-draper, are deſired to meet the Aſſignees of his Eſtate and Effects, on Monday the 15th of January next, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, at Mr. Reynold's, the White Hart Inn in Colcheſter, Eſſex, in order to aſſent to or diſſent from the ſaid Aſſignees commencing, proſecuting, or defending one or more Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity againſt the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects, or to their compounding, ſubmitting to Arbitration, or otherwiſe agreeing, any Matter or Thing relating thereto; and on other ſpecial Affairs.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded and iſſued againſt Thomas Caſe, of Liverpool, in the County of Lancaſter, Merchant, are deſired to meet the Aſſignees of his Eſtate and Effects, on the Eighteenth Day of January next, at Eleven in the Forenoon, at the Golden Lion in Liverpool, to aſſent to or diſſent from their commencing, proſecuting, or defending any Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity for Recovery of any Part of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects; or to their compounding, ſubmitting to Arbitration, or otherwiſe agreeing, any Matter or Thing relating thereto; and particularly to conſider of the Propriety of the ſaid Aſſignees paying and allowing unto the Mortgagee of the Parr Eſtate, now in Diſpute with the Aſſignees of Mrs. Clayton, an Advance of Intereſt from Four to Five Pounds per Cent. per Annum for the Principal Sum of 12,000l. and upwards, to which the ſame was ſubject before the Bankruptcy of the ſaid Thomas Caſe, in order to prevent the Expences and Conſequences likely to be occaſioned and incurred by a Refuſal of paying ſuch Intereſt; and on other ſpecial Affairs.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded and iſſued againſt Thomas Gill, of Doncaſter in the County of York, Grocer, Dealer and Chapman, are deſired to meet the Aſſignees of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects, on Thurſday the 18th Day of January next, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, at Mr. Thomas Hannell's, the Red Lion Inn in Doncaſter aforeſaid, in order to aſſent to or diſſent from the Aſſignees commencing, proſecuting, or defending, any Suits at Law or in Equity concerning the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects; and to the compounding, ſubmitting to Arbitration, or otherwiſe agreeing to, any Matter or Thing relating thereto; and on other ſpecial Affairs.